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EXHIBIT I

Mayhew, Dawn

From:

Hurh, Brian [BrianHurh@dwt.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 2:07 PM

To:

Bruso, Daniel

Cc:

Mayhew, Dawn

Subject: RE: Conflict of Interest

Daniel,

Thank you for providing us with an explanation of your client's position on the conflicts issue. However, there is no conflict with respect to our representation of Phoenix 2008 LLC. While your email chronicles past matters where Davis Wright Tremaine attorneys represented Speedvision Network LLC, as you are well aware, an adversarial relationship against a former client does not, without more, create a conflict of interest warranting withdrawal or disqualification of an attorney and/or its firm. Nothing in your email suggests that the scope of our former representation of Speedvision Network LLC is related to the subject matter of our current representation of Phoenix 2008 LLC. Indeed, the past matters you cite are, in fact and by your own admission, wholly unrelated to the trademark matters at issue here. See Plus Products v. Con-Stan Indus., Inc., 221 U.S.P.Q. 1071, 1074 (Comm'r Pat. & Trademarks 1984); see also Finger Furniture Co. Inc. v. Finger Interests Number One, Ltd., 71 U.S.P.Q.2d 1287 (Comm'r Pat. & Trademarks 2004); The Gilman Corp. v. The Gilman Brothers Co., 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1238 (Comm'r Pat. & Trademarks 1991).

Your threat to petition the Board to disqualify Davis Wright Tremaine is not only unfounded but frivolous. In combination with your frivolous and hypercritical objections to Phoenix's discovery responses, your actions form a pattern of behavior that is obviously intended to harass my client, delay the progress of these proceedings, and multiply the cost of this litigation - conduct that is expressly prohibited by law, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.85(a)(1), 10.85(a)(2), and also is subject to disciplinary action, see 37 C.F.R. § 10.20(b). We therefore caution you and your client to cease asserting spurious claims, attempting to intimidate and harass our client, and otherwise utilizing unethical means to prevent our client from acquiring rights to marks to which your client has no rights.

If you would like to further discuss this matter, please feel free to call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Brian

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Brian,

When may we expect to receive your firm's response to our e-mail regarding the conflict of interest?

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Very truly yours,

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